

When my mother that I take this long journey, but there are so many friends to discuss looking with only one more person but all the Liberty Bunch as a whole, that I find it absolutely necessary to do so, myself and those who are interested in the cause.

Worcester Sept. 1. - 1843



Friend Garrison

I write you today and if my health will allow intend starting for N.E. tomorrow. My sole object is to see the most prominent abolitionists of Boston and other parts of N.E., if they should chance to come in my way - The Mass Board I must see - You have seen, of course, the first editorial in the Standard of week before last, which is copied into the Liberator of last week - its title "When we are" When my eye first ran over this article, I mentally said "this will condemn D. L. Child in the eye of the American Society. He herein gives evidence that he knows nothing of the ~~spirit~~ genius of our enterprise" "It will be the cause of his immediate removal from the editorial chair". What? is "the dogma that an abolitionist cannot, without betraying the bleeding slave, retain a connection with either of the political parties, but is bound to come out of them a 'sham', 'hatched' by New organization? And do we preach the doctrine of separation from pro slavery churches, merely as a check - mate to this new organized 'sham'? And is the present position of the American Society as shown by its resolutions last spring, which resolutions distinctly declare the inconsistency of all abolitionists who retain connection with pro-slavery parties or pro-slavery churches, is this position, I say, merely a substitution of ourselves to ^{the hegemony of} 'shams'? Why, when I saw this most insulting and abusive article (for altho' it might not have been so intended, and got with his eye on the last annual meeting's proceedings I do not see how he could have misunderstood our position) I expected to see the Liberator put upon it as a ^a clumsy equal to any Crough against as by New organization itself - Yet to my astonishment I find it copied into the Liberator without note or comment - Bro. Garrison, am I blind and befuddled

or is there a want of clear vision elsewhere? We have
preached dissolution of the union between the North
and the South, as the result merely of our long stand-
ing principles, which require dissolution with every thing
that sustains Slavery.

I am desirous of knowing where we stand or to be in-
formed of the fact, if we do not stand at all, and
altho' laboring under a very heavy cold which confined
me to my bed all day, yesterday, yet tomorrow I can
contemplate starting for N.E. and shall stop in Utica
till Wednesday morning, when I shall leave for Albany,
where I shall remain till Thursday morning and then by
the earliest train from Albany go to Springfield, where,
if you are in Northampton, I shall be thankful if
^{you} ~~you~~ ^{one} will meet me to carry me to that place —

Our things must be done — either the American Society
and the Mass Society, must stand on the "come-outer"
ground or I must, as an individual, detach myself from
them — I must clear my hands from the blood of the
Slave that is spilt by support of Slavery in Church
and in State — Ever since I preached anti-slavery
my preaching has been according to D.L.C., and
N.W.C. by endorsement, the preaching of "Shams" —
I have obtained thousands of subscribers, mostly for
the Standard, and these subscribers are "come-outers".
They will never tolerate such doctrines — This year
my efforts have been directed to obtain subscribers for
the Liberator, mainly, as I had not full confidence
in D.L.C. — I consider the Standard as good com-
pany for the Evangelist and Reflector; not a whit
higher toned. But from my knowledge of N.W.C.
and the great body of American Society Abolitionists I
am confident they will condemn this position which

Child has given as — Why it is that Maria did not do it at once I cannot divine — I hope to hear from her own lips in a few days —

I have many things to say in relation to the recent National nominating Convention, held in Buffalo — I did not think of attending it till the day before I must start. It then came up in great force, the necessity of having an eye to every movement professing to be made for the disenthralment of the Slave, especially if we have not full confidence in those who make that movement. I therefore went, in company with Margaret Pigor, to Buffalo — The Convention was large and strong — It took as high ground touching the Constitution as any one, I think, can desire, refusing ever to execute any provision which may ^{have} been construed to ^{require} the return of the fugitive or to quail the struggling spirit of liberty. — J. P. Foster was present, and engaged at an early stage whether he ~~should~~ had liberty to speak — It was decided that under the call none but members of the Liberty Party were members of the Convention. I immediately upon this decision, a motion was made that leave be granted to him to speak — This motion was opposed by some new organizers who knew him and by one or two who were prejudiced against him by reports, but the opposition was slight and by a tremendous majority he went onto the platform and there stated what he required as an abolitionist of the Party that he should not be compelled to be hostile to it i.e. the highest standard for freedom and a cessation of hostilities against abolitionists — This was received with the most cordial approval by the vast throng, and the new organizers

of the greater part of the Liberty Party in this State, believe their reception of Foster's sentiments sprung from the heart. My marvel is that they have remained so free as they have, since a few new organizers have had control of the press to prejudice them. I also asked permission to speak and was heard altho' a cunning movement by Stanton and the like designed to cut me off. My conclusion is, that the body of the Liberty Party is what I have for

I will admit this to yourself or G. M. Bondurant in these facts, that in case you have have left Northampton they can show it. If you have have left of place that except any one at the case in Springfield to multiply fact and success directly to Boston (Name) and my hand is

Wm. Kelley to
 PAID
 Mrs. Lloyd Garrison
 Geo. W. Barton or
 H. all
 Northampton
 Mass.



MS. A. 1. 2. 13. 51

a long time believed it to be landed at the case. I have less influence in leading them, doing them against us if we never, come out against them in this list of this. Excuse this servant and my hand is